

1963
Calton Couple Wed 50 Years



MR. AND MRS. EARL BAXTER

—T.J. Photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter of Calton were guests of honor last Sunday, when members of their family gathered for dinner at Mrs. Ruth Somers in Tillsonburg, the occasion being their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Spring flowers decked the tables and a beautiful three-tiered wedding cake offset by lighted yellow tapers in gold colored holders, was the focal point on the head table. The celebrants were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heffer of Mount Salem, on February 19, 1913, by Rev. J. C. Dunlop of the Malahide circuit. Mr. Baxter is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baxter of Aylmer. The couple has three sons and two daughters, twenty grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baxter, their children, Carolyn and Peter, David Baxter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McQuiggan all of Calton; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Seburn and daughter, Shirley of Yarmouth Centre; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Seburn, St. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Whaley, Lon, Doug and Bill of Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Whaley, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baxter, Ron, Marilyn and Janet of Windsor; Mrs. Charlotte Harper, St. Thomas and Mrs. Coral Parsons and Mrs. Ada Baxter of Aylmer. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were the recipients of many lovely gifts and cards from their family and friends. Congratulatory greetings included one from the Ontario Government and one from James A. McBain, M.P. for Elgin. Mr. Baxter's sister, Mrs. Lyola Smith of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. William Thorburn of Essex; the couple's son, Douglas Baxter and Mrs. Baxter of Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. James Seburn of Calgary, Alberta, and Mrs. David Baxter were unable to be present.



CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Soper, lifelong residents of Bayham Township, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during an "at home" held Tuesday in the Calton Community Hall. Friends and relatives were on hand in large numbers throughout the day to wish the still youthful couple continued happiness. They were married Sept. 24, 1913, by Rev. Vail of the Baptist Church in Bayham. Born on the Creek Road in Bayham, Mr. Soper was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Soper. Mrs. Soper was the former Loiszora Bartlett, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Orin Bartlett, also of Bayham. The couple still farms more than 100 acres just east of Calton. They have one daughter, Mrs. Philip (Marie) Learn, of Calton, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The community hall was gaily decorated with the many cards, flowers and gifts which poured in upon the popular couple.—(T.J. Aymer Bureau Photo)

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CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING TODAY—A St. Thomas couple, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wilson, are quietly observing their fiftieth wedding anniversary today. This evening, a family dinner is being held in their honor in the Starlite Room of Johnstone's Restaurant. The popular and amiable couple, who are always so pleased to welcome visitors at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum where they are the curators, were married on February 3, 1915. Rev. H. L. Vail, minister of the Port Burwell, Lakeview and Calton Baptist Church, was the officiating clergyman for the ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Claus. Mrs. Wilson was the former Alberta Claus. Mr. Wilson was born in Bayham Township, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Firman Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson farmed in Bayham Township until 1953 when they moved to the city. They have two sons, Mervin Wilson, whose home is at 51 Moore Street, and Ross Wilson who resides at 14 Thames Street. There are five grandchildren.—(Photo by Scott Studio)

WEDDINGS



CALTON COUPLE WED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Whaley, R. R. 6, Aylmer, are pictured cutting their wedding cake at their fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration on Wednesday, February 23. They were guests of honor at a party held in the Calton Community Hall by their children, Russell Whaley, R. R. 1, Eden; Mrs. Stuart (Margaret) Kinsey, Aylmer; Mrs. Graham (Hazel) Phillips, R. R. 1, Port Burwell, and Max Whaley, R. R. 6, Aylmer. Mrs. Whaley is the former Sadie Matthews, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John M. Matthews of Aylmer. The couple were married in the Brownsville Methodist Church parsonage by Rev. T. W. Blatchford. They have lived in Calton and district for the past thirty-five years, Mr. Whaley being a farmer until he retired eight years ago. There are eighteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.—(T.-J. Photo)

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East Elgin Couple Wed 50 Years



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MR. AND MRS. PETE McQUIGGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McQuiggan (the former Ella Aleta Underhill), of RR 6, Aylmer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the Calton Community Hall on Sunday, Feb. 16.

The couple was married in Vienna by Rev. Hartley Watts on Feb. 19, 1919 and have lived nearly all their married life on their farm, one mile east of Calton.

They are the parents of eight daughters, six of whom

are still living. They are Mrs. Clarence (Ferne) Behie, 7 Regent Street, St. Thomas; Mrs. James (Pauline) Duffy, 74 Fifth Avenue, St. Thomas; Mrs. George (Joyce) Barnes, 32 Chester Street, St. Thomas; Mrs. Robert (Olla) Kellestine, St. Marys; Mrs. Ted (Shirley) Caswell, Vienna and Mrs. Barry (June) Kinsey, Summers' Corners.

They also enjoy the companionship of 20 grandchildren.

The community hall was beautifully decorated in a color scheme of pink, white and gold. A dinner was served at one o'clock to their immediate family including their brothers and sisters and their husbands and wives.

Open house was held later, beginning at four o'clock. Relatives and friends were present from St. Thomas, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, Brantford, Vienna, Port Burwell, Straffordville and Scarborough.

They were the recipients of many lovely gifts and a host of congratulatory messages including telegrams from Governor-General Roland Michener; Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau; Harold E. Stafford, MP for Elgin; Ontario Premier John Robarts; Robert Nixon, Leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature and Ron K. McNeil, MLA for Elgin.

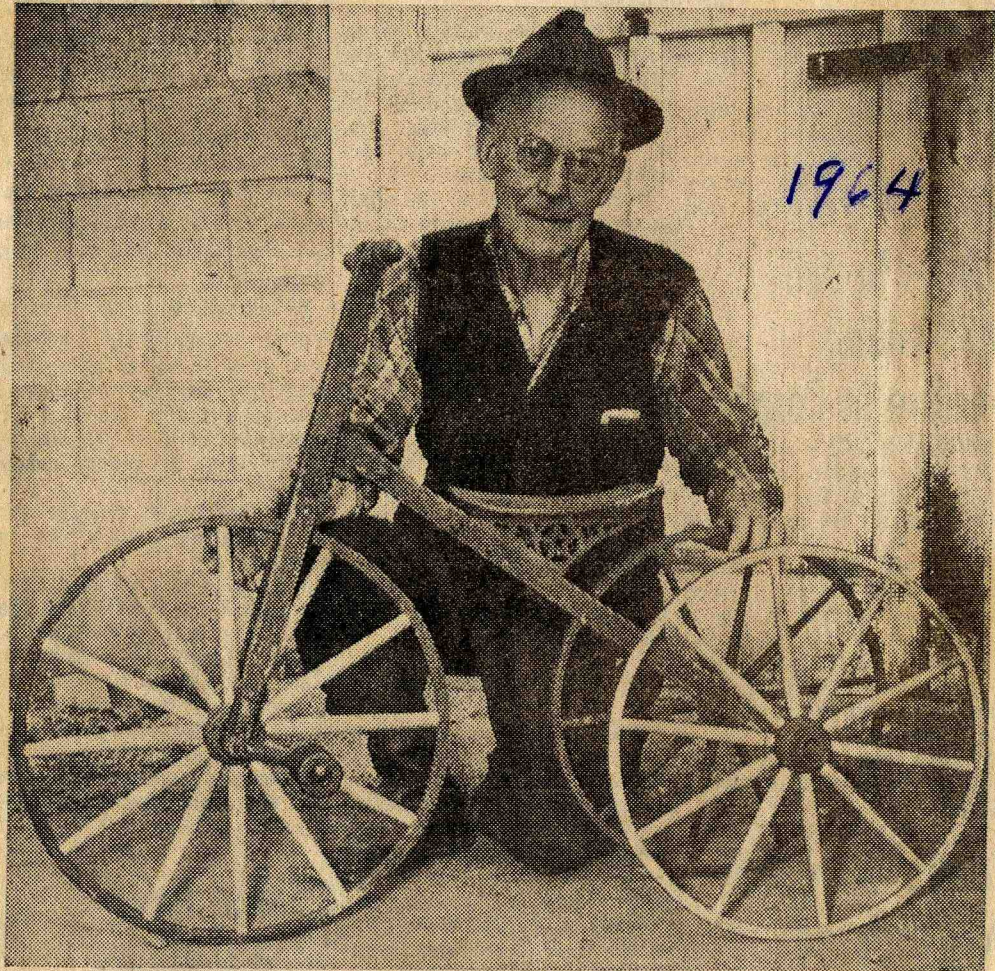
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TO MARK DIAMOND WEDDING DAY — Mr. and Mrs. York Phillimore, RR 6, Aylmer, will be celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 24, and an open house is to be held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Phillimore, RR 6, Aylmer. Friends and relatives are invited to call between the hours of one and five in the afternoon. The couple are the parents of two sons, Charles and Ross, both of RR 6, Aylmer, two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Gifts are gratefully declined.

MARCH OF TIME



STILL ROLLS—Although it is more than 100 years old this tricycle held by J. W. “Joe” Sharpe, of Port Stanley, is still in good condition. It was built in Montpelier, Vt., in

1862 and is now owned by C. Teskey Smith, of Kitchener, who brought it to Mr. Sharpe for reconditioning. Mr. Sharpe installed new spokes in the wooden wheels and Mr. Smith plans to place it in an exhibit.—(T.-J. Photo)